

I Now in the presence of Almighty God, The blessed Virgin Mar
The blessed St John the Baptist, The Holy Apostles St. Peter, & St. Paul, & all
saints, sacred Host of Heaven, & to you my ghostly father, & St Ignatius, in the
affliction, of the Paul the ill & continue to the present, & by the womb of
Virgin Mary, theatrix of GOD, & the Rod of JESUS, Christ, swear, that
holiness, the rope is Christ's Vice-R egent, & is the true & only head of the
or universal Church throughout the whole world, & that by virtue of the keys
binding & loosing, given his holiness by my Savior Jesus Christ, he hath some
supernatural kings, princes, states, commonwealths, & governments, that they
safely destroyed, therefore to the utmost of my power, I will defend the so-
& his holiness right & custom against all usurpers of the papal, or prot
authority whatever, especially the Lutheran Church, of we say, Holland, Denmark
Norway, & the her pretended authority & churches, of England, Scotland, & Bra
of same, now established in Ireland, & on the Continent of America, & elsewhere
Church of Rome, & not denounce & disown any allegiance as due to any heretic
class, or state, named protestant or liberale, or obedience to any of these
Magistrates or Officers, I do further declare that I will help assist & save
or any of his holiness agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland
Holland, or America, or in any other territory, shall come to, & do my utmost
within the HERETICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH DOCTRINES, & destroy all their
power, legal or otherwise, I do further promise & declare, that not withsta
am despatched with to assume any Religion Heretical for the propagation of a
Mother Church, & keep secret & private all her agents & counsels from time
as they intrust me, & not divulge directly or indirectly by word, or any oir
whatsoever, but to excuse all that should be proposed, given in charge or disc
unto me, by my ghostly father, or any of his sacred order, I do further pro
declare, that I will have no opinion or will of my own, or any mental reserve
whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver, (PERHAPS, A CADAVRE,) but will un-
dingly, obey each & every Command that I may receive from my superior in
MILITIA OF THE POPE & OF JESUS CHRIST, that I will go to any part of the
whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, or the sur
of the desert of Africa, or the Jungle of India, to the Centre of Civiliza
Europe, or to the wild haunts of the Barbarous Savages of America, without
or repining, & I will be submissive in all things whatsoever, I communicate
do further promise & declare, that I will when opportunity presents make a
resistance with secretly against all heretics, protestants, & Masons, as I
to do, to exterminate them from the face of the whole earth, that I will spare
age, sex, or condition, that I will BURN, WASTE, BOIL, FLAY, STRANGLE, & BURN ALL
INFAMOUS HERETICS, RIF UP THE STOMACHS & GUTS, & CRUSH THEIR INTESTINES
THE SCALES, IN ORDER TO ANNIHILATE THEIR MACHINABLE BODIES, that when the same
DONE OPENLY, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord,
OF THE POINARD, or the London bullet, Regardless of the Honor, Rank, Dignity,
ity, or the persons, whatever be their condition in life, either public or
as I with any time may be directed to so do, by any agent of the Pope, or of
the Brotherhood of the Holy Father, or the Society of Jesus, in conformation
I hereby dedicate my life, soul & all Corpora Powers & with the dagger whi
receives I will subscribe my name written in my own blood, in testimony that
I will prove false or weaken in my determination, say my brethren & fellow
Militia of the Pope, out off my hands & feet, my throat from ear to
Belly opened & sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be
upon me by weapons in eternal hell forever, that I will in Voting always v
Might of Columbus in preference to a Protestant, especially a Mason, & th
party so to do, that if two Catholics are in the Ticks, I will
then, be the better supporter of the Mother Church, & vote according
with or against a Protestant if in my power to deny him, & on
e, that I will place Catholic Girls in protestant families of the
I will provide my self with arms & ammunition, that I may be in read
I am pressed, or I am commanded to defend the Church, either as a
the MILITIA OF THE POPE, all of which I do ever by t
the blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform & c
to my OATH, in testimony thereof I take the most Holy & blessed
Christ, & witness the same further with my name written with the
shipped in my own blood, seal in the face of this Holy Sacra
SIGNATURE.

THE FOLLOWING IS MY DECLARED PRINCIPLES, ALWAYS WERE AND ALWAYS SHALL BE.

I believe in Almighty God, The Great Spirit, who is the Creator and preserve of the Universe, and all that in them is. And also in his SON JESUS CHRIST, our Redeemer, and in the HOLY BIBLE his revealed will for all mankind in this world. I believe in private Judgement, and Freedom of opinion, as established by MARTIN LUTHER in the beginning of the Reformation, and carried on by the PROTESTANT PEOPLE the world over. This intelligence establishes good Government and causes the perpetuity of good Government wherever it may be established. All Public Schools are very essential to the Safety and good Government of any STATE OR NATION. That any person or persons, Disloyal to our form of Representative Government, or our PUBLIC SCHOOLS, should be severely dealt with by the BAR OF JUSTICE, That the Forcing of any Citizen in the exercise of his Constitutional Rights, under the guise of POLITICAL, SPIRITUAL, OR RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY, should be punished by the SUPREME BAR OF JUSTICE of this Great Republic of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, with the severest Punishment the law can deal out to them. I believe it is the BORN DUTY of every citizen of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, To DEFEND our DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, OUR CONSTITUTION, & THE BAR OF JUSTICE, and all our Institutions keeping them clean of all Corrupt Influences, and against all assailants, whether by word of mouth, or propaganda, or with Arms from within or without. That our HERITAGE OF FREEDOM may be passed on to our Posterity unimpaired, The way our Forefathers intended it to remain. I shall always cherish the memories of the NOBLE MEN OF ALL AGES, and of whatever Country, That have fought for and caused to be established, CIVIL, & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, WITH THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT WORD & ACTION TO ANY PEOPLES. The names of these GREAT & NOBLE MEN, are an inspiration to untiring VIGILANCE in upholding these Institution's, That were purchased by Blood & Treasure of our Forefathers in this GREAT LAND OF FREEDOM. Our CONSTITUTION OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, AND OUR BAR OF JUSTICE, is what I uphold and teach to any one in need of any ORGANIZATION, & the Just Principles therein taught. I have no Secret Principles, or no Hidden Aims, it is all on the surface, open and before GOD, ALMIGHTY THE GREAT SPIRIT, in Purity & Justice, & for the Universal Liberty of every Man, Woman, and, Child, of ALMIGHTY GOD THE GREAT SPIRIT wherever it may be. To Propagate these Principles all the peoples of these UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, should be United by a Solemn Oath of HONOR, FRIENDSHIP, TRUTH & RIGHTEOUSNESS, VIRTUE, INDUSTRY, AND PATRIOTISM. That our Heritage of Freedom may not be taken away by such false Doctrines as COMMUNISM, BOLSHIVISM, NAZISM, FACISM, or any other kind of ISM'S from within or without. The People of this Country have Ruled themselves for over 150 Years and are well able to continue that duty, Till GABRIEL BLOWS HIS HORN. All the People must stand Shoulder to Shoulder, with the Ballot or Otherwise, if necessary. To uphold and retain our CONSTITUTION, DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, AND OUR GREAT BAR OF JUSTICE, which gives us Freedom of Thought Word & Action, This we should be is never taken away from our People in this UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I SHALL FIGHT FOR THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AT ANY TIME IT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY.

WE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE BOUND BY BIRTH TO UPHOLD THESE PRINCIPLES IN OUR FORM OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHATEVER.

Respectfully submitted to all the People
of this Republic of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BY

D. G. Buck
United Spanish War Veteran.
Agbert Camp # 10

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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CHIEF. MR J. E. HOOVER
U.S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON. D.C.

Los Angeles, California

January 19, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

On January 18, 1937, Mr. Ramsey Matthews, Chief of Police in the Warner Bros. Motion Picture Studio at Burbank, California, telephonically advised that at the request of Mr. HARRY WARNER he was offering to this division any cooperation that he could render in connection with the letter received by the manager of the Strand Theatre at Forty Second and Broadway, New York City, which it is believed threatened the manager if he persisted in displaying the motion picture "Black Legion" which it was alleged in the threatening letter was of an anti-Catholic nature.

In my conversation with Mr. Matthews he recalled that at the time this motion picture was in production and on an occasion when I was at the Warner Bros. Studio at Burbank, the director of the picture, Mr. Mayo, had stated that a number of people had protested to him because of the theme of the picture and because of this suggested to Mr. Matthews that he might obtain from Mr. Mayo's files any letters that Mr. Mayo might have received along this line.

In the event that the Los Angeles division can secure any information along the line of the above that would be of assistance, please advise.

Very truly yours,

J. H. RAMSON
Special Agent in Charge

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February 10, 1937

Mr. Robert F. Jones,
Prosecuting Attorney,
Allen County,
1008 Lima Trust Building,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 28, 1937, requesting the aid of this Bureau in apprehending Virgil E. Effinger, who is wanted at Detroit, Michigan, on a charge of criminal syndicalism. It is noted that Effinger is apparently hiding out at Lima and may be receiving protection from local officials.

Please be advised that the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, is restricted to the investigation of violations of specific Federal laws. As the facts set forth in your letter do not appear to relate to any violation of a Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, I regret that no active investigation can be made in this matter. I shall be pleased, however, to place a wanted notice in the identification files of this Bureau so that you will be notified in case any information concerning Effinger is received. If such action is desired, it is respectfully requested that you furnish the full name of Effinger, his description, and his photograph and a copy of his fingerprints if available.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



OFFICE OF THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ALLEN COUNTY
1228 LIMA TRUST BUILDING
LIMA, OHIO

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ROBERT F. JONES
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
JOHN H. DAVIDSON
W. E. JENKINS

January 28, 1937

J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am concerned with the apprehension of Virgil E. Effinger, who is wanted on a charge of Criminal Syndicalism in Detroit, Michigan. He has been extradited and a warrant issued by the Governor of the State of Ohio to the Sheriff of Allen County and he has not been apprehended since the warrant was issued in August.

There is a great amount of rumor in this vicinity that members of the police department and high city officials are members of the Black Legion. For this reason rumors prevail that Effinger is hid in the city of Lima and reports come to this office from reputable sources that he has been seen on the city streets. It is needless to discuss the effect upon respect of the people of Lima for the police department with this sort of stigma attached to them.

Mrs. [REDACTED] leased a home to him several years ago which is now vacant, and a letter came to Effinger at that address and she has possession of the letter. I have not taken this matter up with the local postal inspector, hoping that your department could be of some help to us in locating him. She will hold the letter, per my instructions, and if you decide that it will be of any probative value and that you can help in this matter I will forward it to you.

Let me say again I sincerely request that you help locate Virgil E. Effinger because of the widespread effect upon law enforcement in this community failure to locate him has. This is a situation which you can readily see county officials cannot cope with and the membership of the Black Legion is reputed to be so large in this section that one cannot hazard a guess as to whom might be depended upon.

Yours very truly,

Robert F. Jones

Prosecuting Attorney,
Allen County, Ohio

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RE: J.A.N.

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754 February 10, 1937

Mr. Don V. Fisher,
Box 57,
Garry, New York.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 2, 1937 with reference to an advertisement appearing in a column of the "Jamestown Morning Post" relative to the Black Legion.

Please be advised that the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau is limited to certain specific Federal offenses, and the matter referred to in your letter does not come within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Thanking you for your interest in the Bureau,
I am,

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Buffalo

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
BOX # 67.

GERRY, N.Y.



MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, CHIEF DEPT. JUSTICE.
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1932 Chev. Coach, radio, hot water heater, electric fan, good rubber, cash price \$200. 25 McDaniel after 5 o'clock evenings

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1934 FORD V-8 COUPE

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Employment

Help Wanted—Female

GIRL wanted for part time housework, one living on South side preferred. References required. Write Box T-70 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—All women and girls interested in their future to learn mysteries and powers of the Black Legion. Don't remain in ignorance. See Committee 113 E. 34 St. Sunday 1 P. M.

WANTED—Competent young lady with at least several years experience as bookkeeper in an industrial establishment, as an assistant bookkeeper. In your reply give full particulars covering previous employment, salary and age. Write W-70 Post.

WANTED—Refined lady about middleaged with sales experience. Good opportunity for right party. Call after 4 P. M. at 37 Walnut Street.

WANTED—Experienced beauty operator with following in first-class shop W-51 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—Girl or woman for general housework. See nights, 272 S. Main St. upstairs.

WIDOWER wishes middleaged or older Christian lady as housekeeper. Good home. Address X-70 Jamestown Post.

Help Wanted—Male

EXPERIENCED salesman, local work. Leads furnished. Must be able earn \$950 monthly. Phone 51-184 evenings.

I WILL select men to train for Electric Refrigeration and Air Conditioning positions experience unnecessary. Write to McConell Electric Refrigeration Box R-70 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—Experienced metal press operator and spot welder. Manufacturers Association Employment Bureau, 32-33 West

WANTED—Red blooded men to learn mysteries and powers of Black Legion. Learn now! Don't remain in ignorance! See Committee 113 E. 34 St. Sunday 1 P. M.

WANTED—Middleaged man for farm, single, reliable, good tender and milker. References. Address N-70 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—Man, with exp. between the ages 25-40 years. Applicant will be trained in the collection and sales division of our business under personal training and direction of our assistant manager. Drawing account against sales commission also collecting commission. Paid while learning. Position permanent. Apply 325 N. Main. Mr. Walsh or Mr. Chrysler.

WANTED—Licensed pharmacist for full time job. Write D-70

Live Stock

Horses, Cattle, Vehicles

1-1 YEAR Holstein heifer, fresh soon. Phone Panama 111. John S. Graves, Ashville, N. Y.

EXPRESS LOAD OF HILL HORSES ON SALE AT MY BARN ON KENNEDY-ELLINGTON ROAD 28 HEAD OF AS GOOD THICK CHUNKS AND BIG HORSES AS YOU HAVE SEEN IN MANY A DAY. I BOUGHT THESE HORSES MYSELF DIRECT FROM FARMERS IN FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES IN ILL. IN THIS LOAD IS A PAIR OF REAL DARK DAILED GREY GELDINGS THAT WOULD SUIT THE MOST CRITICAL BUYER. 1 PR. PURE WHITE GELDINGS, WT. 2,400 LBS. SOME SINGLE MARES IN FOAL AND SOME MATCHED TEAMS OF MARES. 1 FLASHY COLORED PAIR OF THICK ROAN GELDINGS WITH BLAZE, FACES AND WHITE MARKINGS AND 1 BLACK AND WHITE SPOTTED PAIR. THESE HORSES WEIGH FROM 1,400 TO 1,500 LBS. EACH THEY NEVER SAW THE STABLE OR A HORSE MARKET IN THEIR LIVES AND WERE SHIPPED IN AN EXPRESS CAR. THEY ARE A CRACKING GOOD LOAD OF HORSES ROUND AND RIGHT IN EVERY WAY AND THEY MUST RAPEEY F. H. ANDERSON, KENNEDY, N. Y. PH. 22-P-12.

Poultry and Supplies

COAL, oil and electric brooders, articles of all kinds. Lakeside Poultry Farm Lakewood Ph. 3-711.

GOOD feedstuffs and fountain cuts feed corn. Buy these from Anderson Minkler Co., 172 E. 2d St.

LAYENA CHECKERS will help you set more eggs no matter what feeding plan you follow. Jas. Feed & Supply, Ph. 41-533.

POULTRY EQUIPMENT—Be sure of egg production through use of proper poultry equipment. Falconer Miller Co., Falconer, N. Y.

Merchandise

Articles for Sale

ALWAYS buys, sells and exchange household and office furniture, machinery, electric motors, belt-line, restaurant and store fixtures, etc. Surplus and Salvage Co., 761 East Second St. near Winthrop, Ph. 3763.

FOR SALE—Heavy double work harness, A-1 condition. Inq. 27 Canton Ave.

FOR SALE—Cheapest grape posts on good road. Marvin Hawley, Freeburg, N. Y.

NEW and used household goods. Living room suite \$15.00 up, felt base rug, 2x12, \$4.95. Circulating heaters and kitchen gas ranges. Other household goods. At bargain prices. Loback's, 15 Harrison

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COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT APPEARING IN February 2, 1937
ISSUE OF JAMESTOWN MORNING POST IN "HELP WANTED - MALE"
COLUMN.

WANTED — Red blooded men to learn mysteries and powers
of Black Legion. Learn now! Don't remain in ignorance!

See Committee 116 E. 3d St. Sunday 1 P.M.

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Feb'y, -2nd, -32

Mrs Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief Dept, Justice.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-.

I am enclosing a part of the Morning Post, a daily Paper of Jamestown, N.Y. and while looking over the Male help want column, I noticed the enclosed ad, which I marked around with ink, I have read some not so long ago about the black legions activities and I did not think it sounded so good, so I thought maybe they were trying to get new members, of course it may all be legitimate but I just thought I would mail you this ad, in case that you did want to investigate their doings, This Ad, was in todays issue feby, 2nd,

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Yours Resp.

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Bow R. Fisher
Former Constable

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Black Legion Probed by La Follette Group

DETROIT, April 21 (By International News Service).—The La-Follette Civil Liberties Committee is investigating the origin of the Black Legion, it was learned today after the Senate investigators came here to probe labor espionage tactics in automobile plants.

The committee's agents, it was determined, also were seeking to uncover instances where the civil liberties statutes had been violated by the black-robed night-riders.

Disclosure the LaFollette committee had turned its searchlight into activities of the clan came when two investigators of the committee appeared at police headquarters, and discussed the background of the terrorist cult with detectives who had worked on the case.

5 GUILTY OF PLOT.

Disclosure of the probe was coincident with the trial in Circuit Court of five alleged members of the Black Legion. Judge John J. Maher today found the five guilty of conspiring to break up a political campaign meeting conducted by Maurice Sugar, labor attorney, in 1925.

Sugar since has become the attorney for the United Automobile Workers Union.

At that time, however, the Black Legion had pledged its members through a "blood oath" to fight Communism, and it was charged the five Black Legionnaires convicted today had tried to break up the rally because

they believed Sugar was a Communist.

FACE 1 TO 5 YEARS.

Those convicted of the plot against Sugar were Arthur Lupp, reputed former Michigan commander of the Black Legion; Wilbur Robinson, Roy Hepner, Alvis Clark and Leslie Black. The latter was a former Common Pleas Court clerk.

Judge Maher said he would pass sentence next week. The convicted men face sentences of from one to five years in jail.

The LaFollette committee's sudden interest in the Black Legion also recalled that some members of the night-riders had once worked in automobile plants, and that the Legion had been active in recruiting members from among auto workers.

NEW YORK EVENING JOURNAL

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gandy

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February 4, 1937.

Mr. Leland Simpson,
c/o Howe School,
Howe, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
dated February 19, 1937. I regret to advise you that the
Federal Bureau of Investigation is not in a position to furnish
you with any data concerning the Black Legion.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

CC - Indianapolis

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 24 1937

Howe School
Howe Ind.
February 10, 1937

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

A few months ago a certain group of men
calling them selves the Black Legion ~~were~~ exterminated
I wonder if you would send me all available information
on this subject.

respectively yours
Leland Simpson
Leland Simpson

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NINE GUILTY IN BLACK LEGION MURDER PLOT

Detroit, March 2 (U.P.).—Nine members of the terrorist Black Legion were found guilty today of conspiring to murder Arthur L. Kingsley, Highland Park publisher, during 1933 and 1934.

Records Judge John V. Brennan acquitted seven other members of the hooded order.

Judge Brennan sitting as both judge and jury in the trial, found the following guilty: Arthur L. Lynn, Brigadier-General of the Black Legion; N. Ray Matthews, former Highland Park Mayor; Ray Egan, Colonel in the Black Legion; Alvin Clark, Frank Howard, Rudyard Kipling Weisman, Willam

Forster, Matthias Gun and James

Acquitted were Leslie J. Black, former Republican leader; Frank Rice, Albert Schneider, Walter Pierce, Rowland Hasselbach, John Godwin and William Keller.

Principal witness against the group was Dayton Dean, under life sentence, who recently was found entertaining a girl in his jail cell.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dwyer
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
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Mr. J. P. MacFarland,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
2445 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Doctor E. T.
Wirtschaffter; Albert Phillips -
Victims; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the abovesentitled matter and received in the Bureau February 1, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure: #1063624

cc - Indianapolis

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Laboratory Report

February 19, 1937

Case: Unknown Subjects; Doctor E. T. Wirtschafter; Albert Phillips - Victim; Extortion.

Number: 9-2841-2

Specimens: XI. One sheet typewritten letter typed on a typewriter in the possession of Dr. A. E. Gordon, IN. Two sheets typewritten letter typed on a typewriter in the possession of G. E. Walters. X3. One sheet typewritten letter typed on a typewriter in the possession of the Station Agent of the Monon Railroad Station, Monon, Indiana. X4. Nine sheets written in the cursive handwriting of Alva K. Kelley.

Examination requested by:

Cleveland

Date received:

2/2/37

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering

The two extortion letters to Doctor E. T. Wirtschafter and Albert Phillips were not written on any one of these three typewriters.

The sheets of paper listed as X4 differ in texture from the two extortion letters.

The original evidence listed as specimens 9-2841-2 X1, X2, X3 and X4, X5 being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

March 9, 1937

Hon. Walter Johnson
Post Office Inspector in Charge
New Post Office Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the letter and envelope
which you forwarded with your letter of March 4,
1937, and which was addressed to Mr. Herman
Behnke, East Franklin Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

Inasmuch as this letter does not contain any
demand for money same does not fall under the
jurisdiction of this Bureau and no investigation
is being conducted thereof.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Herman Behnke,

East Franklin Street,

Portage, Wisc.



Black Legion Div. No. 7.

Feb. 28, 1937.

Mr. Herman Behnke,
Portage, Wis.

Dear Sir-

Maybe you dont know what the Black Legion is. Well you are hearing of them and from them - NOW.

For your information we wish to inform you that there are one hundred and twenty-one members of our order in your city. They recently requested some outside members to come into the city and obtain the consensus of public opinion regarding the manner in which you have been damaging your premises by digging a hole in the front and other ways in which you have failed to be a good citizen.

The committee quietly and secretly questioned six hundred and ninety-four tax payers, all of whom agreed that you should be driven out of town and made to stay out unless you keep your premises in far better condition than you have heretofore.

They found that you are guilty of violating four city ordinances.

1. You continually permit noxious weeds to grow on your premises.
2. You fail to keep your sidewalks free from snow after each storm.
3. You have rented your two stall brick garage for industrial purposes violating City Zoning Ordinance.
4. You have dug and maintained an unsightly hole in the front of your premises without consent of the Fire Chief.

The Black Legion hereby notifies you to fill that hole, work to start not later than April 5th 1937, to sod the entire front of your property and to keep the entire lawn mowed same as other respectable people. To order your garage tenant to remove immediately all trash outside the building and keep the ground around it neat and free from junk.

If should you fail to comply with this demand on or before April 5th and have the hole properly filled not later than May 1st. the Black Legion will then use its own discretion as to the kind of punishment to administer, befitting a man of your type.

Remember dynamite is cheap.

Black Legion Committee of Thirteen

HR:CDW

March 5, 1937.

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Mr. Robert F. Jones,
Prosecuting Attorney,
Allen County,
1808 Lima Trust Building,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Jones:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 26, 1937, enclosing two pictures of Virgil E. Effinger.

As stated in my letter of February 10, 1937, the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted, and I regret that the Bureau is unable to comply with your request to circularize a wanted notice for Effinger.

If you will furnish a complete description of Effinger, a wanted notice will be placed in the files of the Identification Division of this Bureau, and you will then be advised should any information be received concerning his whereabouts.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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INFORMATION SECTION MAILED MAR 5 - 1937 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

ALLEN COUNTY
1008 LIMA TRUST BUILDING
LIMA, OHIO

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ROBERT F. JONES
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
JOHN H. DAVIDSON
M. B. JENKINS

February 26, 1937

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose two pictures of Virgil ~~W~~affinger. The small print of his face is a half-tone proof of a cut. The photograph was not available. This picture was used in 1932 when Waffinger ran for Sheriff. The other picture is the last picture that was taken of Waffinger in the basement of his home.

Under separate cover I am sending two dyes or casts of newspaper pictures, one used in the campaign of 1934 and the other one is a side view. I do not know the date that this last picture was taken.

I hope that you can use this material to circularize a "wanted" card for Waffinger.

Yours very truly,

Robert F. Jones
Prosecuting Attorney
Allen County, Ohio

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ROBERT F. JONES
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
LIMA, OHIO



J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EMH:MCL April 16, 1937.

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Miss Marjorie Hoffmann,
River Vale Road,
Westwood, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Hoffmann:

In answer to your communication
dated April 12, 1937,

I must advise that
I do not have available for distribution the
information which you request. I am pleased,
however, to enclose copies of the following
Bureau publications which you may find of
value:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Selection and Training of Personnel
Criminal Identification and the Functions
of the Identification Division
The Technical Laboratory
Uniform Crime Reports, Volume 7, No. 4
Local Law Enforcement in Relation to
National Crime

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Enclosure 1019908

Pine Valley Rd.
Hickwood N.J.
April, 12, 1937

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

As a student in Sociology I am greatly interested in your work ending crime in our country. I have been greatly interested in the Black Legion gang.

Will you kindly send me information about them? Hoping you will acknowledge this letter, I am

Sincerely,
(Miss) Manjorie Hoffmann

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June 18, 1937

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61-7398-1377
Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Doctor Z. T. Wirtschafter, Albert
Phillips - Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau June 8, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #1015149

cc-Indianapolis

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report
June 18, 1937

Number:

9-2242-16

Case: Unknown Subjects;
Doctor L. T. Wirtschafter,
Albert Phillips - Victims;
Extortion.

Specimens: (See attached sheet)

Cleveland

Examination requested by:

6-8-37

Document - Fingerprint

Date received:

Examination by: Pica

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

It has been concluded that the letters listed on the attached sheet were written with an L. O. Smith typewriter equipped with #1 Pica type, the letters being spaced ten to the inch. This style of type was manufactured between January, 1914 and July, 1933.

This is not the same typewriter as that used to write the letters previously received by Doctor Wirtschafter and Albert Phillips and is identical with any of the other typewriter specimens which have been previously transmitted to the laboratory.

Specimen Q1 measures approximately 5 1/2" x 7 1/2", having been torn across top and bottom. The paper bears a linen finish and has no watermark. Specimen Q2, measures approximately 3 1/2" x 5 1/2", is of plain white paper and has no watermark. Specimen Q3 is 5 x 3 1/4" and is similar to Q1. Q4 is similar to Q2. These envelopes are similar to the ones used in letters previously received.

The letters and envelopes were traced for latent fingerprints and developed.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted are being made herewith.

Photographic copies of the submitted specimens will be placed in the Laboratory file for comparison purposes and if an identical specimen is made your office will be notified.

THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING KEPT IN THE LABORATORY FOR FURTHER EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE NEED THIS EVIDENCE FOR ANY PURPOSES, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE BUREAU. SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLIFIED FORM TO PERMIT TRANSMIT

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Laboratory Report #17220,
June 18, 1937.

Specimens: 9-2242-16:

- Q1. Typewritten letter beginning "Mr. I. T. Wirtschafter this is our—".
- Q2. Envelope postmarked "Indianapolis, Indiana, 4, May 21, 1937, 7:30 P. M.", addressed to Mr. E. T. Wirtschafter.
- Q3. Typewritten letter beginning "Mr. Albert Phillips this is our—".
- Q4. Envelope postmarked "Indianapolis, Indiana, 4, May 21, 1937, 7:30 P. M.", addressed to Mr. Albert Phillips.

Fingerprints of the following for elimination:

Marion E. Kellogg
Edwin E. Lampert
Roy B. Powers
George J. Gerlach
William H. Malley
J. D. Switzer
George W. Hawley

Charles S. McCarthy
Harold C. Heiss
Frank B. Reese
Louis W. Hudson
F. W. Lett
Clarence Casey

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66-7391-159X

July 18, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIEN McMAHON

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 1, 1937, directed to the Attorney General, "Attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," by Mr. K. P. Aldrich, Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., with which he transmitted an undated letter received by the Post Office Department from Norman C. Clay, Boldier, Kentucky, together with a threatening communication, dated June 21, 1937, received by Clay through the United States mails.

I am transmitting to you, herewith, copies of the letter directed to the Post Office Department by Clay, together with photostatic copies of the threatening letter received by him and the envelope in which this letter was contained.

It is requested that you advise whether this is a matter coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, or whether the same should be handled by the Post Office Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #A-10723

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Goldwater Key
June, 2/1932

Vagranely Clay

Black Legion gives
you 10 days to straighten
up in. dont get drunk
on the cow money
as we wil get 10 switches
and whip you each
member of the Black
Legion. And be sure
to pull them Dam
boots off.

Black Legion

King Taly Ladder

P.5 and will kill
niskey



Post Office Department
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR
Washington

REPLY HERE TO
LGS:WD

July 1, 1937.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attention of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There is transmitted herewith for such attention as you
may deem advisable a letter from Mr. Norman G. ~~U~~lay, Soldier,
Kentucky, together with one he received threatening to inflict
bodily punishment.

Very truly yours,

For the Postmaster General,

H. P. Aldrich
Chief Inspector.

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Mr. Normy Clay
Lebanon
Ky

7-30-37

Orig. of anon. letter
returned to Mr. Clay
as per his request
Photostat attached
Hr

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Seldin

My
Chief Post Office Inspector
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir, I am
sending you a letter
that was mailed to
me at Seldin. I would
love to have this
investigated as soon
possible as the only one
here that does this

Herbert E. Clark

P.S. I am send letter
and Envelope to you

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61-7398-159K1

July 30, 1937.

Mr. Norman C. Olney,
Soldier,
Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Olney:

Under date of July 1, 1937 Mr. E. P. Aldrich, Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., referred to me your undated letter, together with a threatening communication, postmarked Soldier, Kentucky, June 23, 1937, received by you.

This threatening communication was referred to the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice and I am now in receipt of advice indicating that an examination of the threatening communication in question fails to disclose a violation of any Federal Law or Laws. In view of this, I regret that this Bureau will be unable to conduct an investigation into this matter.

I am returning to you herewith the threatening communication, together with the envelope in which it was contained.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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CC Louisville
JUL 30 1937

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(Photostatic copy retained in Bur. file)

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Department of Justice
Washington

July 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER.

I am in receipt of your memorandum of July 12, 1937, transmitting copies of a letter addressed to the Chief Inspector of the Post Office Department in this city by one Norman G. Clay, Soldier, Kentucky, together with photostatic copies of alleged threatening letters addressed to him by the Black Legion and dated June 21, 1937.

You request to be advised whether or not this is a matter coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or whether the same should be handled by the Post Office Department.

You are advised that an examination of the threatening communication in question fails to disclose a violation of any Federal law or laws.

Brien McMahon

BRIEN MCMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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Letter to Mr. Clay 7-30-37 R.C.H.

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61-7398-160
9-22-20Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.Re: Unknown Subjects;
Doctor Z. T. Wirtschafter,
Albert Phillips - Victims;
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau August 9, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

cc-Cleveland

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